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Mobile Towers
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of mobile towers being operated by telecom companies along with the number of tower installed by each of the telecom operator, State-wise;

(b) whether a large number of mobile towers are out of order;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, operator-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Madam, as on 30.11.2015 a total of 10,10,475 BTSs (for 2G/3G/4G Services) are installed at different mobile tower locations across the country. The details of total number of BTSs of each Telecom Service Provider (TSP), Licensed Service Area (LSA) wise is attached at Annexure-I.

(b) As on 30.11.2015, 0.83 % BTSs i.e. 8,419 BTSs out of total of 10,10,475 number of BTSs were reported to be out of order.

(c) & (d) The operator-wise details of the BTSs which were out of order as on 30.11.2015 are attached at Annexure-II. The major reasons due to which BTSs were out of order as reported by TSPs were fault in Diesel Generator (DG) set, hardware equipment, Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) cut, owner/landlord issues, equipment theft cases and some litigation issues.

Government keeps a close watch through monitoring and pursues restoration efforts. However, all these issues being operational or technical in nature having commercial implications as well are being handled by concerned TSPs.